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The News has put up no argument in favor of the new road, other than that "it is a road, that we need roads and ought to get roads." regardless of location or expense. It states further that it is very wrong for us to oppose the East Side Land Co. To this latter we wish to reply that this paper is issued in the interests of this community, and stands ready to fight for its rights, regardless of where the blow strikes.

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Now would'nt it have looked more like a public issue if that journal had told the people one week prior to the last moment that if there were any who objected they should act; half the tax payers of Rostraver township are yet ignorant of how the supervisors are being forced, against their will, to squander tax money for the direct benefit of the East Side Land Company and when they do find it out they will stand shoulder to shoulder with the supervisors and the citizens of Monessen in defeating this selfish proposition.

The News need not be so anxious to know how many Monessen people are coupled in this fight with the township, it better busy itself telling the people who besides McCabe and Irwin, want the road. There is ample time yet to find all opposition but the one that has developed at this moment is the Independent and we are fighting for an honorable honest and upright cause. We want every person interested in a road from Monessen to the country to go over the East Side Land company proposition before giving it any endorsement. A look at the place will be enough for any intelligent citizen. "The road is the issue," but the Land company and the road are so closely allied that the only way to separate them is with the strong arm of the law and that's what the supervisors are trying to do.

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It saves you worry and trouble, and gives you satisfaction.
—:o:—
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Call up. 92-J. for anything you want in our line.

Notice.

The People's Natural Gas Company wishes to inform its patrons that commencing with January, 1907 bills, the price of gas will be 27c per one thousand cubic feet subject to a discount of 2c per thousand cubic feet if paid on or before the 10th day of the month following that in which gas is used. 151-10t

NEWS MISREPRESENTED ATTY A. M. WYANT.

He Denies That He Ever Wrote a Letter to the Supervisors Asking to be Their Attorney.

Greensburg, Pa., Dec 30, 1906.

To the Editor of the Independent,
Monessen, Pa.,

Sir:—

In order that the citizens of Monessen and Rostraver township, may understand by what authority I made the motion to quash proceedings had on the Court of Quarter Session of Westmoreland County to open a road leading from Monessen to the Cook farm. I herewith enclose you for publication a letter handed to me by a committee representing the business men of Monessen and taxpayers of Rostraver township. This letter is self explanatory and is as follows:

Monessen, Pa., Oct. 30, 1906.

A. M. Wyant, Attorney
Greensburg, Pa.

Dear sir:

We, the undersigned Supervisors of Rostraver township, hereby appoint you our lawful attorney, to act for us in entering proceedings to quash a petition for a new road leading from a certain prescribed point in the borough of Monessen, and intersecting an established road in Rostraver township. All costs of these proceedings to be paid by the citizens of Monessen.

Very Truly Yours,
W. C. MCNUTT, and
ANDREW STEWART,

The writer has no record or recollection of ever having had any correspondence other than the foregoing letter with the above named gentlemen and believes that they were either misunderstood or misrepresented by the News in that particular

I have been employed as counsel in this case by persons materially interested and regardless of personal attacks shall discharge my duty as such with fidelity.

Respectfully Yours,
ADAM M. WYANT,

IF you contemplate having a Winter Suit or Overcoat made, guard yourself against ill-fitting, poor wearing clothes by having FISCHER make it

An abundance of the season's latest materials and patterns to select from. If Fischer makes your clothes you dress well.

FISCHER, Tailor to Ladies and Gentlemen.
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1,000 Ladies, Gentlemen, Mechanics or Workmen to call and get one of our 15 jeweled Elgin or Waltham movements in a 20 year guaranteed gold filled case for $10.00. Pay $1 cash, take the watch. Pay the balance weekly.
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472 Donner Ave.

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For Fire Insurance
Before the
Fire Breaks Out.
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For Fire Insurance.

JAS. A. WATKINS,
Justice of the Peace
All Legal Matter Attended to.
[illegible] Donner Avenue. MONESSEN PA

DAVID FENTON DIED YESTERDAY

Succumbed to Typhoid Pneumonia at His Home in Donora

David Fenton a well known citizen of Donora, died yesterday at 12:30 o'clock at his home 653 Thompson avenue after a brief illness of typhoid pneumonia. Mr. Fenton removed to Donora from Monessen about one year ago having accepted a position with the U. S. Steel Company at that place. For more than four years Mr. Fenton was a resident of our city and besides being one of our pioneers, was always considered a highly respected citizen and his death will come as a sad blow to his large circle of friends here He was a member of the Monessen Presbyterian church and for a long time was superintendent of the Sunday School and in his sacred obligations he was always most devout. At the time of his death he was a member in good standing of the Monessen lodge I. O. O. F. and his funeral will likely be in charge of that order. For several months the deceased was a member of the local police force and resigned just prior to going to Donora. He was aged 43 years and leaves a wife and four children to mourn the loss and the bereaved family have the heart felt sympathy of a large circle of friends.

FOR RENT—Two 7-roomed houses on Morgan avenue, bath, good condition, $22.00 per month—Newcomer & Wolf.

Safe Deposit Vaults
Fire, Water, Burglars
or any other elements of chance have no chance at your valuables when placed in our vaults.

A small yearly rental and your papers, jewelry, cash, silverwear or other valuables are protected. Come in whenever you wish—absolute privacy, security and courtesy.

It is not foolish, but extravagant to risk valuables around the house when you can rent your own vault so reasonably.

Monessen Savings and Trust Company.

Capital and Surplus, $180,000.

EDGAR E. DRAKE,
Teacher of Piano,
33 E. Schoonmaker Ave.,
Bell 'Phone 66-R

LAST ISSUE OF THE DAILY INDEPENDENT IN THE OLD YEAR

New Office and New Press to Start the Year 1907--Outlook for a Bright Future For Monessen

This is the last issue of the Independent in the old year and we take this means of wishing our many readers a happy and prosperous New Year, and also of thanking the merchants and people in general for the excellent support and patronage we have received during the year now almost at a close.

Tomorrow we start on the New Year and we can proudly say that we enter the year 1907 with greater prospects than any time during the existence of the Daily. We have a complete newspaper outfit, have larger quarters, a more central location and are better than ever prepared to meet the growing demands of our city and the community in general.

We are proud to state, in a modest way, that at this time, more than at any other during the eight years of the town's existance, the Monessen people feel that the town is going to continue to grow and will eventually spread out until we have quite a city.

Those who own real estate feel safe and are making additional investments. Merchants feel encouraged at the outlook and in fact, more than ever. there is a general good feeling. Those engaged in mercantile pursuits are branching out and are preparing to meet the demands that will be made upon them as our population increases. All these things we are glad to see and will assure our patrons that the Independent will continue to grow with the town.

Our aim is to issue a brighter and better paper than ever. It will contain all the home news, fresh the day it happens and will come to your home for one cent a day, no matter where you live, in the city or elsewhere. It will be mailed to any address for $3.00 the year. We have carriers in Monessen, McMahon Boro, Webster and all suburbs. All those who are not at present subscribers for the Daily will please telephone or write to this office and we will see that the paper is delivered promptly. Start the New Year right by taking your home paper.

ATTENDED FUNERAL OF ARTHUR HAUGHT

The funeral of Arthur Haught, late of this city, took place yesterday at 2 p. m. from the home of the deceased's mother. Monessen Local 275 Union Bartenders, had the funeral in charge and attended as a body. The paulbearers were Ralph Brautegam, Mat Keiffer, John Houllan, Joe Ford, Wm. Jones and John Bridges. Among the members who attended were Joe Madigan, president, John Gray, Harry Johnson, C. Smith, James McShane, Louie Lavelle, Houn Bricker, John and Don Reagan, B. Hans and August Kaspric.

WANTED—Music scholars, 30 cents a lesson, 452 Reed avenue. 2t w

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$20 sets of teeth now $15.00
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10 sets of teeth now $ 8.00
8 sets of teeth now $ 5.00
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PATENT SUCTION PLATES.
Painless Extraction
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Gold filling from 75 cents up
Silver filling 50 cents. Cement filling 50 cents
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Remember, if you need bridge work we are experts in this line.
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The chance for the close, careful and thrifty buyer who has waited to get her coat or suit after Christmas at bargain prices is here. Big reductions on all Suits, Coats, Furs and Holiday Goods.

All our fine China at 1-4 off marked price.
Ladies' Suits at 1-3 off from marked price or a $20.00 suit for $13.33
Ladies' Coats at 1-3 off from marked price for example $15.00 coats for $10.00
For example $10.00 coats for $6.67

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Holiday Goods at 1-2 price.
We are giving big reductions in our Ready-to-Wear department.

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Monessen's Shopping Center.
Opposite Peoples National Bank.

STAGE HANDS QUIT; FIVE GET PINCHED

As a result of a little trouble which occured last evening between Stage Manager McCreary and a member of the Brady Stock Company, which is playing here, five young men of this city, spent the night in the lockup at Belle Vernon, McCreary together with his crew quit work, last evening, just before the curtain was rung up. Other men were secured, among them a Belle Vernon man.

The stage hands who quit swore vengeance on the so-called "blacksheep" and awaited them at the exit after the show. They were given the slip, but followed the Belle Vernon man home, Five of them were arrested at Belle Vernon, but McCreary made good use of his feet and escaped. This morning the boys were fined.

WILL GIVE DANCE NEW YEAR NIGHT

Monessen Tribe of Ben Hur has about completed arrangements for a dance to be given in Kelly's hall on New Year night. A competent committee is in charge and the affair promises to be a great success. An excellent orchestra will furnish the music and everything will be done to insure all who attend a good time. The admission will be 50c per couple.

Three Wireton Negroes Arrested

Wm. Cook, Chas. Williams and Chas. Johnson, negroes, of Wireton, were taken to McMahon borough this morning to be given a hearing on a charge of being suspicious persons. The prisoners were in charge of Township Constable Wm. Evans, of Webster and Tim Scanlon, who was also recently appointed Township Constable. The men were arrested Thursday at the Victoria Hotel.

New Coal Company

A new coal company, of which a majority of the stock is held by Washington and Greene county people has begun operations at Spotteville, Henderson county, Kentucky, and is incorporated under the laws of that state, as the Green River Coal company, with a capital of $100,000.

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INTERESTING NEWS

Gathered by Our Reporters in Monessen and Vicinity.

Christmas goods at half price at Kirk's

Miss Bertha McCabe, is visiting with friends in Pittsburg.

Dr. Barben, Dentist —Flexible Suction plate and extraction $10.00.

All holiday goods at half price—Kirks

Our prices are right. Our goods the best. Large selection. Brown, Reliable Jeweler.

B. E. Brown, the jeweler, was a business visitor in McKeesport today.

J. P. Nill, a wholesale liquor dealer of McKeesport was in town today on business.

We are still pleasing the people by fitting their eyes properly with glasses.—Brown, the Jeweler.

A. J. Lewis, the well known P. & L. E. operator was in Pittsburg today on business.

At half price—holiday goods—Kirk's.

Owing to an over supply of Tin Sprinkle. Top Talcum Powder we are clearing it out at 5c a box —Litzinger's Pharmacy. T. F. Talcum Powder 5c. See Litzinger's window 241 Schoonmaker avenue. T. F

The bachelors are arranging for the third of a series of dances. The exact date has not been set but it will likely be given about the middle of January.

The Misses Minnie F. Edmundson, Hattie Boyd and Cora M. Henry of McKeesport and the Messrs. Edison Brown and J. MacNutt of Belle Centre, Ohio and John C. Campbell, of New Wilmington, Pa., were guests yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Boyd, on McKee avenue.

Glass Plant Closed

The American Window Glass factory of Monongahela was closed down last night to remain idle for a period of four months for the purpose of repairing the tank. Not many of the men, however, will be out of employment as a large number will be required in the repair work.

G. B. U. District 175

All members are requested to attend a special meeting, December 30, at 4 p. m. Important business By order of

W. A. BERTLEMAN, President,
FRANK BUMER, Secretary.

Church Notes

Bethany Baptist church—Morning "Heart Wisdom." Evening, "A Message for the Opening Year."

The Cauliflower.

Of the word "cauliflower" a writer in the London Chronicle says: "The modern spelling is artificial, and if we were to write it as we pronounce it, 'collyflower,' we should be taking a step back in the natural direction. 'Coleflorye,' as they spelled it in the sixteenth century, brings out the true meaning of the vegetable's name—'flowered cabbage'—'cole' being an old word for cabbage and 'florye' representing the French 'fiori,' or 'fleuri,' flowered. But because in Latin it was called 'caulifiora' it began to be written 'colleflorie' or 'collyflorie' in English, probably by deliberate assimilation to the Latin, and eventually even to be written 'cauli,' though still pronounced 'colly.' Meanwhile the second part of the word got popularly corrupted to 'flower.'"

Lange's Stolen Base.

One of the funniest incidents in base stealing happened in Chicago one of the years that Bill Lange led the league in base running. It was a close race between Lange and Hamilton for the honors in base stealing, and the season was drawing to a close. The game was close, and Lange led off in the eighth inning with a two bagger Anson went to bat and laid down a perfect bunt, intending to sacrifice He went out in a close finish at first and, looking up, discovered Lange still perched on second. He was furious, but that condition was mild compared to what he experienced an instant later when Lange stole third—and took the lead for base running honors.

Chaldean Weapons.

The analysis of Berthelot not only shows that the Chaldean weapons, ornaments and tools of 5,000 or 6,000 years ago were of pure copper, but that iron, silver and gold were known. The copper age preceded that of bronze, which appeared later in both Egypt and Chaldea. It is further noted, moreover, that the form of hatchets with handles, the process of manufacture and even the practical uses were the same for the pure copper hatchets of Chaldea and the prehistoric hatchets of Europe.

Notice

A meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank, Webster, Pa., for the election of directors for the year 1907, will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1907, from the hours of 2:30 p. m. to 4 p. m., at the banking rooms of the association. 34-tf

Reduced Rates to Harrisburg Account Inauguration Governer-Elect Stuart

Via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets sold January 14 and 15, good returning until January 16, inclusive, from all stations in Pennsylvania. Consult nearest Ticket Agent. Jan. 2 9 12

Notice to Stockholders

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Monessen Savings & Trust company will be held at its office, corner Donner avenue and Fifth street, Monessen, Pa., on the 8th day of January, 1907 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the election of directors for ensuing years and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

WILLIARD ELKINS,
44-tf Sec.

When One Is Choking.

"Raising the left arm as high as you can will relieve choking much more rapidly than being thumped on the back," said one of the resident physicians of a local hospital. "This should be more generally known, for often a person gets choked while eating when there is no one near to thump him or her. Very frequently at meals and when they are at play children get choked while eating, and the customary manner of relieving them is to slap them sharply on the back. The effect of this is to set the obstruction free, so that it can be swallowed. The same thing can be brought about by raising the left hand of the child as high as possible, and the relief comes much more rapidly. In happenings of this kind there should be no alarm, for if a child sees that older persons or parents get excited it is very liable to become so also. The best thing is to tell the child to raise its left arm, and immediately the obstruction passes down the throat."—Philadelphia Record.

Humors of Translation.

Victor Hugo always translated the Firth of Forth as "the First of the Fourth" and swore that he was right, too, while Disraeli noted with amusement "woebegone" as "douleur va-t'en." An early translator of Scott's "Bride of Lammermoor" had it as "La Bride de Lammermoor," the second word meaning "bridle," and the same man rendered "Welsh rabbit" by "La pin du Pays de Galles." The case of "La Derniere Chemise de l'Amour" for "Love's Last Shift" is classic, and when the farce "Hit or Miss" was done into French it almost was billed as "Frappe on Mademoiselle." That delightful piece in which Toole was at his funniest, "Walker, London," was referred to in a French newspaper as "Londres qui se Promene" The best that the translator could do for the "Stickit Minister" was "Le Ministre Assassine."

Buying a Gift Book.

The principle of choice should in general follow the taste or need of the friend for whom you are selecting a book. Yet it is also well now and then to open a new channel of interest by giving a volume outside of your friend's habitual line. We are often thankful to a friend who has drawn us out of our mental sheep tracks. There are a few writers that stand as permanent figures in the modern literary world—writers who have given out seminal ideas that seed and beautify the field of thought. Chief among these men are Shakespeare, Carlyle, Ruskin, Emerson and Victor Hugo. Until a library possesses at least the best writings of these five men it is sadly deficient. You are doing kingly service when you make these men known to any thoughtful mind.—Edwin Markham in Success.

Met His Match.

Rev. Matthew Wilkes, a celebrated London preacher, was caught in a shower in the famous Billingsgate market, where the profanity of the women who sell fish there is proverbial. As he stopped under a shed among them he felt called upon to at least give his testimony against their wickedness.

"Don't you think," said he, speaking with the greatest deliberation and solemnity, "I shall appear as a swift witness against you in the day of judgment?"

"I presume so," said one, "for the biggest rogue always turns state's evidence."

Wood at $8 a Pound.

"French walnut is the finest wood we have," said the cabinetmaker. "It comes from Persia, but it is prepared in France. I have seen French walnut worth $8 a pound, and it is a common thing to pay $2 a pound for it. Of course it is used principally for veneering Only millionaires could have chairs and tables of solid French walnut. Mahogany, wonderful as it is, rarely fetches such high prices. From $2 to $3 is a very good price per pound for this wood. Ebony, if it is a particularly large piece, so that it will cut well, will often bring $5 a pound in the wood market."

Fitting Both Ends.

Press Agent—That ingenue is as green as they make 'em. What shall I say about her? Manager—Give 'em a song and dance about her girlish freshness and her pure young art. Press Agent—And what shall I say about Miss Passee's "Camille?" You know she's just completed a century run in the part. Manager—Oh, throw in some verbal pyrotechnics about the splendid maturity of her ripe genius.—Baltimore American.

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ForSale by J. A. Sheetz

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GEORGE NASH, Pres. JESSE HANCOCK, Cashier.
JOHN IRONS, Vice Pres. JOHN S. DUVALL, Ass't Cashier.
The Officers of this Bank Request a Personal Interview with Any One Who Desires Information As to The Banks Methods or Terms.

Did You Ever Notice
the fact that the more comfortable a shoe is the longer it's apt to last? Likewise the fewer corns. Just think a minute, please. In a perfect fitting shoe the strain is disiributed. We know what we're talking about. Care for a free hint from us?
W. A. DARRAH

Holiday Reduced Rates

Via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets sold December 22, 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31, and January 1, good returning until January 2, inclusive, from Pittsburg, Brownsville and all intermediate stations.

If "taken at the Sneeze Stage" Preventics—a toothsome candy Tablet—will surely and quickly check an approaching cold or Lagrippe. When you first catch cold—or feel it coming on— take Dr. Shoop's Preventics, and the prompt effect will certainly surprise you. Preventics, surely supply the proverbial "ounce of prevention" Sold in 5 cent and 25 cent boxes by all dealers.

Passed Examination Successfully.

James Donahue, New Britain, Conn. writes; "I tried several kidney remedies, and was treated by physician for diabetes, but did not improve until I took Foley's Kidney Cure. After the second bottle I showed improvement, and five bottles cured me completely. I have since passed a rigid examination for life insurance." Foley's Kidney Cure cures back-ache and all forms of kidney and bladder trouble. Sold by W. P. Kirk.

If you will make inquiry it will be a a revelation to you how many succumb to kidney or bladder trouble in one form or another. If the patient is not beyond medical aid, Foley's Kidney Cure will cure. It never disappoints.

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Orders left at at Kirk's drug store will receive prompt and careful attention.
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The News need not be so anxious to know how many Monessen people are coupled in this fight with the township, it better busy itself telling the people who besides McCabe and Irwin, want the road. There is ample time yet to find all opposition but the one that has developed at this moment is the Independent and we are fighting for an honorable honest and upright cause. We want every person interested in a road from Monessen to the country to go over this East Side Land company proposition before giving it any endorsement. A look at the place will be enough for any intelligent citizen. "The road is the issue," but the Land company and the road are so closely allied that the only way to separate them is with the strong arm of the law and that's what the supervisors are trying to do.

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NEWS MISREPRESENTED ATTY A. M. WYANT.

He Denies That He Ever Wrote a Letter to the Supervisors Asking to be Their Attorney.

Greensburg, Pa., Dec 30, 1906.

To the Editor of the Independent,
Monessen, Pa.,

Sir:—

In order that the citizens of Monessen and Rostraver township, may understand by what authority I made the motion to quash proceedings had on the Court of Quarter Session of Westmoreland County to open a road leading from Monessen to the Cook farm. I herewith enclose you for publication a letter handed to me by a committee representing the business men of Monessen and taxpayers of Rostraver township. This letter is self explanatory and is as follows:

Monessen, Pa., Oct. 30, 1906.

A. M. Wyant, Attorney
Greensburg, Pa.

Dear sir:

We, the undersigned Supervisors of Rostraver township, hereby appoint you our lawful attorney, to act for us in entering proceedings to quash a petition for a new road leading from a certain prescribed point in the borough of Monessen, and intersecting an established road in Rostraver township. All costs of these proceedings to be paid by the citizens of Monessen.

Very Truly Yours,
W. C. McNutt, and
Andrew Stewart.

The writer has no record or recollection of ever having had any correspondence other than the foregoing letter with the above named gentlemen and believes that they were either misunderstood or misrepresented by the News in that particular.

I have been employed as counsel in this case by persons materially interested and regardless of personal attacks shall discharge my duty as such with fidelity.

Respectfully Yours,
Adam M. Wyant,

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DAVID FENTON DIED YESTERDAY

Succumbed to Typhoid Pneumonia at His Home in Donora

David Fenton a well known citizen of Donora, died yesterday at 12:30 o'clock at his home 653 Thompson avenue after a brief illness of typhoid pneumonia. Mr. Fenton removed to Donora from Monessen about one year ago having accepted a position with the U. S. Steel Company at that place. For more than four years Mr. Fenton was a resident of our city and besides being one of our pioneers, was always considered a highly respected citizen and his death will come as a sad blow to his large circle of friends here He was a member of the Monessen Presbyterian church and for a long time was superintendent of the Sunday School and in his sacred obligations he was always most devout. At the time of his death he was a member in good standing of the Monessen lodge I. O. O. F. and his funeral will likely be in charge of that order. For several months the deceased was a member of the local police force and resigned just prior to going to Donora. He was aged 43 years and leaves a wife and four children to mourn the loss and the bereaved family have the heart felt sympathy of a large circle of friends.

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LAST ISSUE OF THE DAILY INDEPENDENT IN THE OLD YEAR

New Office and New Press to Start the Year 1907--Outlook for a Bright Future For Monessen

This is the last issue of the Independent in the old year and we take this means of wishing our many readers a happy and prosperous New Year, and also of thanking the merchants and people in general for the excellent support and patronage we have received during the year now almost at a close.

Tomorrow we start on the New Year and we can proudly say that we enter the year 1907 with greater prospects than any time during the existence of the Daily. We have a complete newspaper outfit, have larger quarters, a more central location and are better than ever prepared to meet the growing demands of our city and the community in general.

We are proud to state, in a modest way, that at this time, more than at any other during the eight years of the town's existance, the Monessen people feel that the town is going to continue to grow and will eventually spread out until we have quite a city.

Those who own real estate feel safe and are making additional investments. Merchants feel encouraged at the outlook and in fact, more than ever, there is a general good feeling. Those engaged in mercantile pursuits are branching out and are preparing to meet the demands that will be made upon them as our population increases. All these things we are glad to see and will assure our patrons that the Independent will continue to grow with the town.

Our aim is to issue a brighter and better paper than ever. It will contain all the home news, fresh the day it happens and will come to your home for one cent a day, no matter where you live, in the city or elsewhere. It will be mailed to any address for $3.00 the year. We have carriers in Monessen, McMahon Boro, Webster and all suburbs. Al those who are not at present subscribers for the Daily will please telephone or write to this office and we will see that the paper is delivered promptly. Start the New Year right by taking your home paper.

ATTENDED FUNERAL OF ARTHUR HAUGHT

The funeral of Arthur Haught, late of this city, took place yesterday at 2 p. m. from the home of the deceased's mother. Monessen Local 275 Union Bartenders, had the funeral in charge and attended as a body. The paulbearers were Ralph Brautegam, Mat Keiffer, John Houllan, Joe Ford, Wm. Jones and John Bridges. Among the members who attended were Joe Madigan. president, John Gray, Harry Johnson, C. Smith, James McShane, Louie Lavelle, Honn Bricker, John and Don Reagan, B. Hans and August Kaspric.

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NOT one of those fellows who are mixed up in the East Side Land company road deal would travel through the place after sundown without a body guard for all Jondees uncountable millions.

WE would like the News to tell the people of Monessen how much new territory the East Side Land company's road will open up and how much additional trade it will bring to Monessen. The business men will be interested in knowing.

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Right you are Brother Truxal. All they want is to keep us in reserve for emergency cases. The newspapers should now consolidate and make a special rate for railroad advertising.

Rough on the Doctor.

When a physician takes a vacation his medical friend who looks after his patients in his absence often resents being called the "assistant." The relieving doctor would prefer to be known as colleague or coadjutor or substitute An old lady recently added a new synonym when she announced that she was being treated by her own physician's "accomplice."

Worse Still.

Irate Husband—I wish, madam, you would not interrupt me every time I try to say something! Do I ever break in when you are talking? His Wife—No, you wretch; you go to sleep!

Malicious.

Gladys—I refused Fred two weeks ago, and he has been drinking heavily since Ethel—Isn't it about time he stopped celebrating?

It is estimated that £80,000,000 worth of British treasure lies sunk along the route from England to India.

Paying your debts is an expensive way of getting commercial credit, but unless you are rich it's about the only way.—Puck.

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Adam M. Wyant, Attorney.

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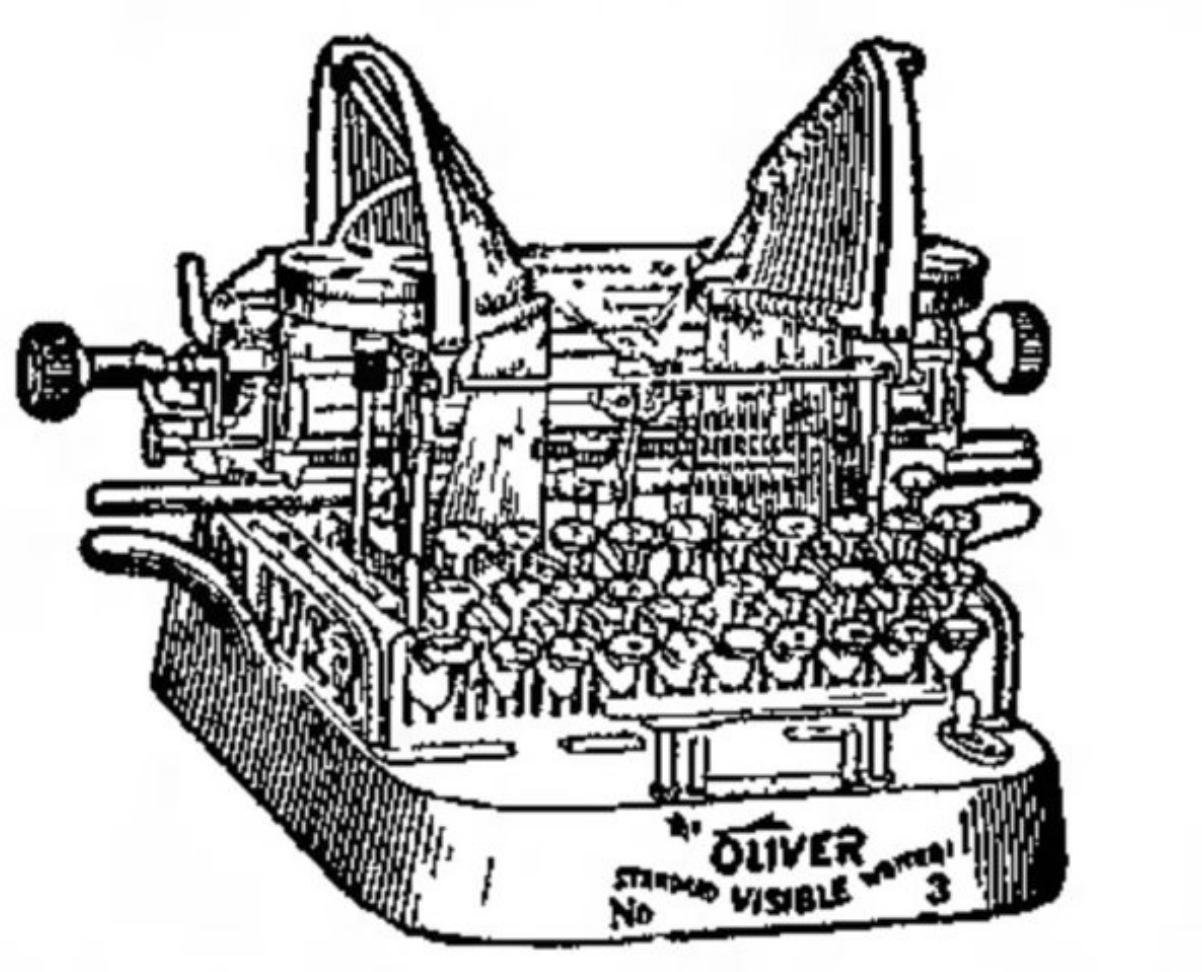

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The Closed Gentian

By Virginia Leila Wentz

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The serious business of settling up her brother's estate was about finished. Miss Morton leaned wearily back in her invalid's chair and sighed. After all, she was sorry. Doubtless it would mean a cessation of her lawyer's frequent and periodic visits. And—well, he had been something new under her sun.

"I leave for Bar Harbor tomorrow, to be gone a week. On my return I'll send you a telegram and arrange for our final interview." Howell Orchard's crisp, staccata sentences punctured her reverie. He was picking up his gloves. A high cart had just driven under the porte-cochere, and Miss Morton's liveried groom was busy quieting the antics of a pair of brown cobs.

Miss Morton groped for a pretext to spin out the call of her lawyer—if only for five minutes. It was stupid of Peter to have driven up so early—and so bourgeois! Her eye fell on the nearest object—a bowl of orchids.

"Exquisite, are they not?" she said, with a slight indicating motion of her patrician, blue veined hand. Orchard's keen glance noted them, at the same time ranging the extravagant refinement of the room.

"In keeping with their surroundings, Miss Morton," he rejoined, pulling on his left hand glove. "Artistically correct."

She made no further pretext. It was fatuous, but it answered her purpose. "What is your favorite flower?" she asked.

It was an inane question, and she bit her lip. But, to her relieved surprise, Orchard gave her inquiry his consideration.

"The closed gentian," he said after a slight pause.

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Wynchell, Miss Morton's country home, with its ancestral acres, was about far enough from Jersey City to leave time on the suburban train for a comfortable perusal of the paper and a yawn or two besides.

Orchard spread out his sheet mechanically. But even the stock market news didn't seem to interest him, and he looked far beyond his paper. That was only natural. He was looking back through several seasons of blossoms and snow, this man, who, young as he was, had already begun to be called a woman hater. The whizzing telegraph wires and poles passed unseen. The noise of the engine, the rumble of the wheels, dwindled into silence. In their stead came the low, exquisite voice of a girl:

"It's such a beautiful little flower inside, Howell"—

The day had been full of late September elixir, then as now. The tread of loveliness had been on the fields of grass and fodder ripened by August suns and tanned by early frosts to an autumnal bronze. Somewhere from among the hedges of sumac had come the call of a quail. Then presently the girl had stopped near a silvery stream and plucked a plain enough looking dark blue flower and pinned it on his coat.

"It's a closed gentian, you know, dear," she had explained, while the soft tendrils of her hair had unconsciously brushed his strong chin. "You see," she went on, stooping to pluck another, "they're not so very handsome outside, but inside—look!" Delicately as a spring zephyr she had pricked the portals open. "It puts the flaming goldenrod and all the staring purple daisies here to shame, doesn't it?" She lifted her face to him—the face of a girl not particularly beautiful, but glorified by a dazzling smile.

He had left her at the gate of her little western home and, leaning over the rustic fence in the privacy of the broad oak, had bid her goodby, for he was going to the big eastern metropolis for a year or two to win fame and fortune for them both. He went away with the sweetness of her kiss upon his lips, her tear upon his cheek, her flower in his coat.

Later there had come a misunderstanding, of the slight, insignificant sort that most young lovers have; but, alas, in this case before the gentle, healing wind of the real truth had blown tragedy had visited the girl's home, and when the man sought her she was not to be found. Out in her little western village people told a tale of her father's long illness and death—how she had nursed him night and day with untiring tenderness; how, their slight income being exhausted, she had taken up water color work and filled orders for dinner cards and little pictures; how finally, upon his death, she had gone to New York city to earn her living in such fashion as she could.

That was all Orchard had been able to learn, and that had been two years ago. To find a girl who does water color work on dinner cards in New York city is not an easy matter. By the time his train had reached the smoke of the tunnel the man with the unread paper was thoroughly out of conceit with one Emily; by the time the ferryboat had bumped into the slip on the New York side he was thoroughly out of conceit with himself.

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Miss Morton brought her lorgnon to bear upon the flowers Miss Gray had just brought in.

"So they are what you call closed gentians?" questioned she half incredulously. "Are you sure?"

"I—I'm very sure, Miss Morton." The girl's voice was exquisitely low and musical.

"But they're so homely, so unfinished looking, and I thought—well, never mind. Arrange them there in that vase, if you will. My lawyer, a young fellow in whom I've taken a great interest, is coming up to Wynchell today, and they are his favorite flower."

Miss Gray lost the last of the sentence. From the silver faucet in Miss Morton's marble bathtub she was drawing water for the cut glass she held. Besides, Miss Morton had spoken more than half to herself.

It had been only three days now that Miss Gray had been with her in the capacity of companion, and already Miss Morton found herself exchanging that young person's status from companion to confidante. She had always had a liking for her, this girl with the tired, pale face and the sweet, sudden smile, ever since the day when she had come personally to explain that there had been some little mistake in the ordered dinner cards and to make her apologies. It appears she had given the dinner ladies powdered silver hair instead of dazzling gold. That had been at the beginning of last season. During the present summer the little sketches that she had been able to sell hadn't proved sufficient for her to eke out even a modest existence with. Miss Morton was looking for a companion, and she had offered her services. That is the way it had all come about.

There was the rhythmic thud-thud of horses' hoofs on macadam, and Miss Morton's brown cobs whirled through an iron gate into a modest drive and came to an abrupt halt under her porte-cochere. A gray drizzle had set in, but what did that matter to Howard Orchard? The fine drops of rain driven against his face by the pace of the cobs had been an exhilarating delight to him, and as Miss Morton was wheeled into the library to greet him he was positively cordial.

Miss Morton had forgotten her lorgnon. Being very shortsighted, she was at a loss to know exactly where her companion had placed the gentians. And, above all things, should the sight of the flowers bring an appreciable fraction of pleasure into Orchard's immobile face she didn't want to lose the sight. She rang for a maid.

"Ask Miss Gray to fetch me my lorgnon," said she.

"So you remembered!" The exclamation came from Orchard, and Miss Morton lost the sight she had wished for, after all. He had crossed to an ebony cabinet on top of which stood the cut glass vase. "Awkward things to arrange in vases, though," he commented laconically, as if regretting his burst of emotion.

"Yes, that's what my companion said. She went out willingly enough in all this drizzle to pluck them, but she shied at arranging them in a vase. She assures me they belong to the fields, and"—

But Orchard veered quickly around. In the mirror back of the ebony cabinet he'd caught the reflection of a girl's face. Before he had seen her face, though, he had recognized her. There was no other woman he knew who held her head so proudly and at the same time had that wavering little walk so at variance with the queenly carriage of her head.

"Emily!" he cried. "You!"

The girl's hand which held the lorgnon clutched it tightly and went up to her breast. The other half groped toward him, as with a little incredulous cry she repeated the one word, "You!"

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"Too bad, too bad," murmured kind hearted Miss Morton indulgently to herself that evening, laying down her Goethe unread. The day had cleared beautifully. The last scrap of estate settling business had been attended to, and now her lawyer and her companion were enjoying a bit of the mellow harvest moon out on the back veranda. "Too bad! I was just beginning to congratulate myself on what a treasure Miss Gray would be in my declining years, and now—the end of the beginning or the beginning of the end. Marie," she said, turning to the maid, "take those homely blue flowers away. Take them up to Miss Gray's room."

Fish a Lucky Omen.

Fish is a sign of good omen. In Bengal, when the bride comes with the bridegroom for the first time in the house of the latter, the former has to catch hold of a fish in a certain welcome ceremony, in prospect, perhaps, of a generation as fruitful as that of a fish. While entering a new house for the first time the lady is to take hold of a fish, probably for the same reason. Whatever may be the reason for regarding the handling of fish as auspicious, it is indisputable that over a large part of northern India the "water vegetable (as it is called by high caste Punjabis, who eat it in spite of its being considered forbidden food for Brahman, Khatris and Baniyas) is taken to assure good luck. The writer of this was hastening to Nepal to see a sister who was dangerously ill. He came across a Nepalese gentleman near Patna, who offered to accompany him to his destination, being moved to pity on hearing of his errand. When crossing the Ganges from Digha Ghat to Paleza Ghat a big hilsa fish fell at his feet on the deck of the steamer as if hurled by an unseen hand. Perhaps it had been struck by the stern wheel and thrown up over the bulwark. The Nepalese friend jumped up in great excitement, exclaiming: "Here is a sign from heaven—the happiest omen for you, my lad. You will find your sister out of danger." All classes in Nepal share the superstition of the Bengalis in regard to fish.—Lahore Tribune.

Fatherly Discipline.

She came into his study [illegible] "I hate to disturb you, [illegible] up. "It is after 11 [illegible] has not come home yet— [illegible] second time this week [illegible] out. I did not wish to speak [illegible] a boy of seventeen"—

She faltered. He was looking at her with a strange, fixed [illegible] "I understand. Leave him to me. I shall wait up until he comes in."

"Don't be harsh with him," she said pleadingly. "Oh, I am so sorry I told you! Remember he has always been such a good boy"—

"My dear, you have nothing further to do with this. I must deal with my son in my own way. [illegible] you not to interfere. You had better go quietly to your room. I ask you to do so. I want him to find me here when he sees fit to return to his home."

She retired with her mother heart anxiously beating, and waited until the click of a latchkey sounded in the street door. She listened trembling, ready to rush out, a penitent peacemaker. She heard:

"Dick, is that you?"

"Yes, sir."

"Is the dog in the hall?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, turn out the gas. Good night!"—Madeline Bridges in Woman's Home Companion.

Characteristic [illegible]

"It may or may not be [illegible] that a race's temperament can be judged from its folk songs," said a traveler on a transatlantic liner the other day, "but it is interesting to note the difference of subject matter in the songs of various peoples.

"The Irishman, for instance, seems to sing for the most part [illegible] his ladylove. Hardly any [illegible] are not addressed to his 'Son [illegible] Mavourneen.'

"The Scot, on the other hand, sings about his country [illegible] as a rule. 'Scots Wha Hae [illegible]' and 'Braes o' Bonnie Doon,' [illegible] Lomond,' and so on, might be taken [illegible]

"The Englishman [illegible] note, sings about himself [illegible] time. His songs are about [illegible] his ships, his men, his [illegible] he refers occasionally to old [illegible] but only as a place he made [illegible] own prowess. Unlike [illegible] the Scotch, he sings little [illegible] and his country's beauties [illegible] New York Times.

Tricks of the [illegible]

"This watch," said [illegible] customer, "runs too fast. I'll [illegible]"

"Do nothing of the [illegible]," said the jeweler.

"Why not?" the apprentice [illegible] in surprise.

"Because," the other [illegible] "the owner teaches music."

"But hanged if I [illegible]" the puzzled apprentice.

"Listen," the [illegible]. "When watches [illegible] regulate them unless [illegible] order to do so. Some [illegible] teachers, for instance [illegible] their watches to run a little [illegible] do cabbies. So do feminine [illegible] other people want their watches [illegible] slow. Builders like slow [illegible] watches, and so do ministers and [illegible] do men who play billiards by the hour."—Exchange.

The Forehead.

A receding brow [illegible] receding chin, shows a lack [illegible] and of a firm and [illegible] The forehead that has [illegible] "bumps" over the eyes indicates [illegible] A high, prominent [illegible] does not contribute to the [illegible] the face, but it shows [illegible] absent-mindedness and the [illegible] of the scholar. It is the [illegible] that looks straight, but [illegible] slopes back a very little [illegible] the eyebrows projecting [illegible], that is one of the [illegible]. Its possessor will [illegible] him steady, intelligent and [illegible]

A Stage [illegible]

When Mrs Bellamy [illegible] Alicia in "Jane Shore" [illegible] present among the audience [illegible] the play was not so [illegible] his majesty had [illegible] he fell asleep, greatly [illegible] Bellamy's annoyance, [illegible] near to his box and with [illegible] exertion of voice which [illegible] ted of cried out, "Oh [illegible]" and woke the king [illegible] Macbeth, she murdered [illegible] revenged herself on his majesty [illegible] "Annals of Covent Garden."

Willing to [illegible]

The cranky old bachelor [illegible] irritable. Calling the landlady [illegible]

"Mrs. Hashley, who [illegible] keeps singing 'I Would Not Live [illegible]'"

"That is the lady in the [illegible] across the hall, sir," answered the [illegible].

"Well," continued the [illegible] kindly give her my compliments [illegible] tell her if she keeps that up [illegible] longer she can rest assured she won't."—Chicago News.

Character.

There is a tremendous [illegible] character when added to [illegible] A great many youths think [illegible] everything; that if a man [illegible] power he can accomplish [illegible] thing, but he is a lightweight [illegible] no matter how able, if he does not [illegible] character to his ability.—[illegible] Magazine.

Not Ahead.

"They say that Shifter is [illegible] years ahead of his time."

"Well, it's not true. I'm [illegible] landlord, and I know he's just [illegible] behind."

Be grateful for every [illegible] and accept whatever it brings.—[illegible]

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New Year needs at McKenney's.

Very pretty New Year cards at McKenney's.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Brown visited with Donora friends today.

McKenney's is the only store in town having New Year cards.

Mrs. H. W. Day spent this afternoon with friends in McKeesport.

Ralph Bearer and T. B. Jackson, were in Webster today, on business.

Col. C. M. Derrickson, was in Monongahela today, on a business errand.

Miss Margaret Vogel, of Wilkinsburg, is visiting with friends in this city.

Mrs. J. E. McKenney is visiting with friends in Mansville and Lewistown.

Christmas goods at half price at Kirk's

Dr. Barbon, Dentist —Flexible Section plate and extraction $10.00.

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Our prices are right. Our goods the best. Large selection. Brown, Reliable Jeweler.

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At half price—holiday goods—Kirk's

Owing to an over supply of Tin Sprinkle. Top Talcum Powder we are clearing it out at 5c a box —Litzinger's Pharmacy. T. F. Talcum Powder 5c. See Litzinger's window 241 Schoonmaker avenue. T. F

Street Commissioner Irwin is giving our paved streets a much needed bath.

Mr. George Dunn, of Beallsville, Ohio, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. B. E. Brown.

James Conroy, the popular tonsorial artist of Webster, was in town today on business.

Miss Mary Baker, of Brown's jewelry store, will spend tomorrow with California friends.

John Gilbride is reported slightly indisposed, being confined to his room at the Commercial Hotel.

H. Speigelburg, won the wax doll which was given away at Darrah's shoe store. The winning ticket was No. 123.

The Misses Effie McNaughton and Anna Miller, of Allegheny, are the guests of the Misses Minnie and Clara Bumer.

Mrs. G. C. Diehl and niece, Miss Nelle Boore, returned home Saturday from Altoona, where they spent the Christmas holidays.

The members of the Episcopal congregation presented their pastor, the Rev. John R. Pickells, with a well filled purse last week.

Miss Rose Roth and Mr. John Conway of Pittsburg, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Conway yesterday.

Miss Ella Sibbett, of Coal Centre, and Mrs. B. Coatsworth, of Donora, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Sibbett, Saturday.

Mr. H. C. Litzinger, of Chicora, Pa., returned home yesterday, after spending a few days in town with his son, R. W. Litzinger, the druggist.

The Misses Mary Brightwell and Emma Todd, of A. R. Ney & Co.'s department store, visited with Fayette City friends over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Adams returned to Monessen yesterday. They will take up housekeeping with the former's mother on McKee avenue.

A sudden wave of reform has evidently struck Monessen. Not a prisoner faced Mayor Shutterly at either yesterday's or this morning's sessions of police court.

Mrs. C. S. Harris, and sister, Miss Josephine Woods, returned home this evening from Piney Fork, Ohio, where they have spent the past week with their parents.

C. W. Morris who was severely injured about 4 weeks ago by falling from the Lamb building, under course of construction on McKee avenue, is able to be about again.

W. J. Snyder, of the Western Theological Seminary of Allegheny, filled the First Presbyterian pulpit yesterday morning and evening, preaching two very interesting sermons.

"I'll pinch him the first time I hear him swearing on the streets" are said to be the words of a local policeman. Do it, but be careful old boy that you don't lose a little cash slip during the operation.

Harry Pierce, of Washington, Pa., visited with his brother, John S. Pierce, of Knox avenue, over Sunday.

W. F. Garvin, formerly of Stuck's tonsorial parlors, who is now attending Allegheny College, returned to his studies this morning, after spending a few days with Monessen and Fayette City friends.

Walter Robbins has announced as a candidate for council in the First ward. Mr. Robbins is well known and a good citizen and will likely be a winner. This makes the fifth candidate to announce from that ward.

FINE PROGRAM TO START NEW YEAR AT "STAR"

Manager McShaffrey, of the Star Theatre, is inaugrating the advent of the New Year with a record breaking vaudeville program headed by the wonderful Seymore Sisters, vocalists and dancers, Delmo the eccentric Juggling Comedian and the famous child artist, Flora Banean, said to be one of the most wonderful child actors on the American stage. Mr. McShaffrey did not stop with the vaudeville program but the rest of this weeks bill is also far above the average.

Patrons of the popular little play house will be more than pleased to hear that Mrs. McShaffrey will sing the illustrated song, "Dear old Stars and Stripes Good Bye" which will be illustrated by life motion pictures. She is sure to be well received. "The Terrible Kids" and "Alysburg Ducks Funny Fisherman" two of the best life motion pictures obtainable will be presented by the animatiscope. It is safe to say that the Star Theatre will this week play to a record breaking week's business as the class of refined vaudeville which is being presented there is bringing out the best people in the city.

The Star is increasing in popularity with the passing of each week.

NEW OFFICIALS TO ASSUME DUTIES

District Attorney Wentling has Taken Oath of Office as has also Prothonotary and Clerk of Courts.

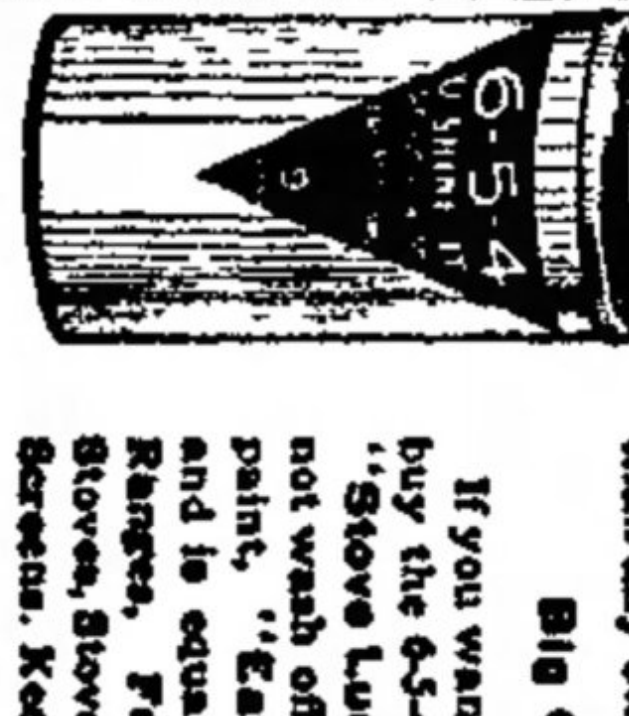
The new officials of Westmoreland County have already taken the oath of office, and will assume the responsibilities with the beginning of the New Year. Some changes will be made in each office, but the greatest will be in the office of clerk of courts.

John M. Hawk, the new incumbent, will retain John M. Carothers as his deputy, and it is said will ask for another clerk. Mr. Hawk has signified his intention of making a change in his office that will be gladly welcomed by attorneys and those attending court who have costs to settle when cases are completed. Heretofore the dockets in which the records of the criminal cases were run have been kept in the court room and it was necessary to settle the costs there. Mr. Hawk will make the innovation of having the minutes kept in court and transcribed later on the dockets thus making it possible to settle all costs in the court room. This will avoid great confusion when criminal court is in session and will lessen the trouble to the attorney. The change is favorably commented upon by all who have been talked with concerning it.

Others who have taken the oath are John F. Wentling, district attorney, and Harry M. Yont, prothonotary. Charles C. Crowell will be Mr. Wentlings assistant and Will. S. Rial will be the county detective.

Shadow Social This Evening

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Nash on McKee avenue a shadow social will be given this evening for the benefit of the B. Y. P. U. of the Bethany Baptist church. To those who have attended affairs of the kind nothing need be said but to others the statement that they will have one of the best times of their lives is a very conservative one. All are invited.



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Webster and His Tenant.

Daniel Webster once became the owner of some land in New Hampshire, with buildings thereon. He left the tenant who was there when the premises were conveyed to him in possession. One summer a few years later as he and his wife were journeying in the vicinity of the farm they decided to take a look at it. He found an aged woman in charge. She said in reply to questions that the place belonged to a lawyer down in Boston named Webster.

"What rent do you pay?" asked the amused owner.

"Rent!" she exclaimed. "I don't pay any rent. It is bad enough to live here without having to pay for it, and if he don't fix up the house soon I'll leave anyhow. Wonder if he expects I'm going to freeze to death this cold weather?"

"Well," remarked the proprietor, "it is a pretty hard case, but if you'll accept this five dollar bill toward holding on another year I'll try to see Mr. Webster and have something done about it."

With which remark he took final leave of his farm.—Boston Herald.

An Organized Holdup.

An English Christmas isn't a saengerfest; it's a beggingfest. The band plays, but it plays with one hand while the other is out for coin. The boys and men sing Christmas hymns and then take a collection, and the moon may be shining, but you can't see it through the fog. Some of the railway stations are decorated, and you've scarcely had time to remark that you think it's a very beautiful custom when an itching palm appears between you and the holly. The postman says, "Merry Christmas," and waits for you to be generous, and the lamplighter and the paper boy and the man who delivers groceries and the boy from the cake shop. Porters follow you wherever you go, and servants whom you never saw before bob up in numbers. And out in the street whenever you hear any one say "Merry Christmas" you mechanically put your hand in your pocket. It isn't Christmas; it's an organized holdup.—Bohemian.

The Marvel of Distance.

The distance to the nearest fixed star is so tremendous that, like many of the facts of astronomy, it is beyond the grasp of the human imagination, though not beyond the reach of mathematical demonstration. Light, which travels at a speed of 186,000 miles in a single second of time, takes over four years to reach us from the nearest star. The thread spun by a spider is so excessively fine that a pound of it would be long enough to reach around the earth. It would take ten pounds of it to reach to the moon and over 3,000 pounds to stretch to the sun. But to get a thread long enough to reach the nearest star would require half a million tons. If a railroad could be built to this star and the fare fixed at a cent a mile the total cost of the journey would be $250,000,000,000, or more than sixty times the whole amount of coined gold in the world.

Black Rod's Knock.

What is the meaning of this hostile banging of the door of the house of commons in Black Rod's inoffensive face? Why must the king's messenger humbly knock three times for admission and wait submissively on the mat outside until the representatives of the people decide to open their doors unto him? It is one of several quaint and curious customs still preserved in parliament, a survival from a period of history when the house of commons was not so free and independent or so sacred from royal intrusion as it has been since the revolution.—Michael MacDonagh in Grand Magazine.

Nothing New Under the Sun.

Slang phrases in course of time become absorbed into the vernacular just in the same way that nonsense rhymes and nursery verses become institutions. Take the following example. The famous lines

Mother, may I go out to swim?
Yes, my darling daughter.
Hang your clothes on a hickory limb
And don't go near the water,

are at least 1,300 years old, being found in a book of jests of the sixth century compiled by Hierocles!—London Chronicle.

The Forest Spirit.

The editor was criticising the poem just brought in by the literary contributor.

"You speak of the 'spirit of the forest,'" he said. "Do you think there is such a thing as a forest spirit, as distinguished from any other kind?"

"Yes, sir," fiercely responded the literary contributor. "Didn't you ever hear of such a thing as wood alcohol?"—Chicago Tribune.

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UNIFORM STEPS.

With Them Many Falls Downstairs Would Be Averted.

Falls on staircases are of rather common occurrence, especially in houses where the stairs are steep, dark or built with sharp turns. The frequent causes of serious falls have suggested that the likelihood of accident of this kind would be lessened considerably if all steps were built according to a standard of height and breadth.

A child's fall on the stairs is apt to be bad enough, and for an adult it may have serious consequences, but for an aged person the result is not unlikely to be fatal; hence it is held that the construction of staircases deserves more attention than is ordinarily paid to it.

The trouble is that stair climbing is not a natural method of progression for the human being. A child may learn to walk with ease, but it is a long time before it can ascend a stairway in an upright position without losing its balance. Stairs have been brought about by necessity, however, and the ordinary person has become so accustomed to them that he dashes up and down them without paying any more heed to his steps than if he were walking on a surface level. Motion becomes purely mechanical, without any effort of will, and the muscles of the leg automatically adjust themselves so as to lift the foot to the height of the steps on the stairway most frequently used. The stride unconsciously becomes adapted to a certain height in taking steps.

This unconscious estimate of height often is the cause of many falls. When a different stairway is used the foot is unaccustomed to the pitch, and hence a trip is likely to occur. On narrow and steep staircases there should be a hand rail on each side. The instinctive clutch following a stumble would mean the saving of many limbs and heads. But the surest way to obviate accidents would be to standardize all stairways, at least in the matter of height.—New York Press.

An Extremist.

"He's a great reformer, isn't he?"

"Oh, he's worse than a reformer. His ideas would upset the whole [illegible] and business world. He said if he had his way he'd put in jail everybody who ought to be there."—Philadelphia Press.

Will Move to Leroy, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hutton, will leave Wednesday, for Leroy, N. Y, where they will make their future home, Mr. Hutton having accepted a position with J. F. Butler, also a former resident of this city, who moved to Leroy recently. Mr. and Mrs. Hutton leave a host of friends, who are extremely sorry to see them leave, but wish them all happiness and success in their new home.

Notice

Monessen Tribe Ben Hur will give a dance in Kelly's Hall on New Year night. The admission will be 50c per couple. A good time is assured all who attend. 157 3t

Notice

A meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank, Webster, Pa., for the election of directors for the year 1907, will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1907, from the hours of 2:30 p. m. to 4 p. m., at the banking rooms of the association. 34-tf

Reduced Rates to Harrisburg Account Inauguration Governer-Elect Stuart

Via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets sold January 14 and 15, good returning until January 16, inclusive, from all stations in Pennsylvania. Consult nearest Ticket Agent. Jan. 2 9 12

Notice to Stockholders

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Monessen Savings & Trust company will be held at its office, corner Donner avenue and Fifth street, Monessen, Pa., on the 8th day of January, 1907 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the election of directors for ensuing years and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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